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Washington, May 24.—Authority to accept for the United States a mandate over Armenia was asked of congress today by President Wilson. The executive said he was conscious that he was asking "a very critical action," but that he did so in the earnest belief that it will be the wish of the people of the United States that this should be done.

The president's message was read in both the house and senate, but was discussed in neither. Each house referred it to its committee on foreign relations and there was no indication when their committee would take it up. Some republican leaders in the senate predicted that the committee would not report on the executive's recommendation.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and chairman of the senate committee, had no comment to make on the executive's recommendation. In the past, however, he has declared sympathetically his opposition to a mandate.

Senator Harding, republican, Ohio, the chairman of the committee which investigated Armenian affairs, said he would vote against a mandate over Armenia and added that he did not think the senate would consent.

"The foreign relations committee," he said, "was almost unanimous against a mandate over Armenia, as well as republicans opposing such a step."

Senator Harding is the author of the resolution recently adopted by the senate congratulating the Armenian people on the recognition of their independence and asking the president to send a warship and American marines to Baku.

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CABLED PARAGRAPHS

Must Wear Civilian Clothes in Paris.
Paris, May 24.—Men workers of the American Red Cross stationed in Paris have been ordered to wear civilian clothes, beginning June 1. The women workers have the option of wearing the uniform of their usual style. The order was to have become effective on May 1, but the Parisian tailors could not be hurried and it was necessary to postpone the date.

Huerta President ad Interim of Mexico

Mexico City, May 24.—Adolfo de La Huerta, governor of Sonora, was named president ad interim of Mexico by the extraordinary session of congress this evening. He received 223 votes against 23 for Pablo Gonzalez.

INQUIRY INTO THE ESCAPE OF DRAFT DODGER BERGDOHL

Philadelphia, May 24.—Colonel Thomas G. Donaldson, of the inspector general's department, Washington, and Colonel Alexander B. Cox, of the general staff corps, arrived here today to take up the local angles of the war department's inquiry into responsibility for the escape of the draft dodger, Bergdahl. He ruled the appointment of a receiver, general or limited, in this case was not proper unless the directors and majority stockholders were charged with the responsibility of the escape.

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RAILROADS TO HELP SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

Boston, May 24.—The three principal railroads entering this city appointed a committee on car service to cooperate with the Interstate Commerce Commission in solving transportation problems.

SUIT AGAINST THE STANLEY RULE AND LEVEL COMPANY

Hartford, Conn., May 24.—Much of business interest attaches to the hearing before Judge Malloy in the superior court today on the application of W. J. Moore, of New York, a director of the Stanley Rule and Level Company of New Britain, for a temporary injunction to restrain the merger of the company with the Stanley Works, and the sale of the manufacturing interests of the rule and level company to the stockholders.

"GOOD SOCIETY" IS RESISTING ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION

Boston, May 24.—Enforcement of the prohibition amendment is being resisted by a part of our social organization that we are pleased to call good society.

SIX MEN ROBBED BANK OF \$112,000 AND ESCAPED

Phila., Pa., May 24.—The first national bank at Philadelphia, Pa., was held up today, robbing about \$112,000 in bonds and securities and \$15,000 in cash. The cashier was locked in the vault. A sheriff's posse has gone in pursuit.

Represents Lithuania In America

Aspen, Conn., May 24.—Michael Dutkiewicz, a Russian machanic of this city, held at the police station awaiting commitment to an insane asylum, hanged himself shortly before noon today in his cell with his trousers. He was discovered by an officer and cut down, but efforts to resuscitate him failed. The medical examiner was called later and the body was turned over to an undertaker.

GOV. SMITH OF NEW YORK SIGNED 213 REEVE BILL

Albany, N. Y., May 24.—The Walker bill legalizing the manufacture and sale of beer containing not more than 2.5 per cent. of alcohol by weight, was signed by Governor Smith today.

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Portland, Ore., May 24.—Returns from the Oregon primary election held Friday, compiled by newspapermen, tonight gave Senator Hiram W. Johnson a margin of 872 votes for the republican presidential preference.

SIX CONFIDENT 530 BILLS DEPOSITED IN HARTFORD BANKS

Hartford, Conn., May 24.—Six confidential bills were found by four banks today. They had been deposited with other bills by an anonymous person. The bills had been sold by bankers to a man who worked on one side.

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President Wilson in Message to Congress Requests Authorization to Accept Dictatorate.

New York, May 24.—The application of 1,400 stockholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for the appointment of a limited receiver to prosecute the corporation's right of action against the board of directors, formerly headed by William Rockefeller, for the restitution of approximately \$150,000,000 alleged to have been wasted by the board in improper purchases, was denied today by Federal Judge Julius W. Mack.

In summing up his principal reasons for denying the petition, Judge Mack maintained affidavits of the stockholders did not constitute allegations of facts within their knowledge, but merely furnished arguments in favor of granting the petition.

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Lewis Urges Miners to Reject Plan to Submit Wage Controversy to Arbitration Commission.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 24.—Anthracite mine workers were urged to reject President Wilson's proposal to submit their wage controversy to an arbitration commission, in addresses made here today by John J. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, and Philip Murray, international vice president, before a re-convened tri-district convention of hard coal miners. They declared, however, that the dispute must be settled without a strike, referring to the acceptance of Secretary of Labor Wilson's tentative contract as the advisable course at this time.

Both international officials asserted that they would abide by any decision of the convention on the matter and "take their chance and go along with the anthracite workers to a finish."

The recommendation of the international officials is in direct opposition to the report of the miners' general committee which urged the acceptance of the president's proposal and the rejection of the secretary of labor's contract.

While declaring that the proposed contract of Secretary Wilson was far from satisfactory, Mr. Lewis said that it was the best that could be obtained at this time, adding that the miners had gained a victory in obtaining recognition of the union.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Bar gold was unchanged at 10 1/2 an ounce in London.

Peace treaty with Hungary will be signed July 4 at Versailles.

One person was killed and ten injured by two tornadoes at Castle Rock, Minnesota.

President Wilson agreed to act as arbitrator to determine the boundaries of Armenia.

Bar silver was quoted at \$1.00 an ounce in New York compared with \$1.14 in London.

Another German newspaper, the Koelner Volkszeitung, was published in the steel interests in the Rhine province.

French naval commissioners visited New York Navy Yard. They spent three hours there inspecting the new battleship Tennessee.

All operators and linemen of the Jamestown, N. Y., telephone exchange went on strike and the service is discontinued.

Tourists traveling through Europe have to go through the same red tape, although the war has been over for a year and a half.

Butter dropped five cents a pound in Chicago, selling at 62 cents a retail. The egg market was steady. Strawberries are scarce and high.

The senate yesterday passed without debate the Nolan minimum wage bill fixing minimum salaries of government employees at \$2 a day.

Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, two professional golfers of England, will make a tour of the United States. They will sail on the Celtic July 7.

While preparations were being made in Toledo to assist the interstate commerce commission to break the freight tie, a second strike of Toledo switchmen began.

Federal authorities are closely watching activities of bootleggers trying to get whiskey into the country during the republican convention there next month.

A petition is being circulated on the New York Stock Exchange for closing the exchange Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 31, making a three-day holiday.

A bill was passed by the house setting aside 200,000 acres of land in Hawaii for the purpose of providing for the needs of the Hawaiian people.

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According to evidence obtained by several government departments, farmers are receiving an average of 4 per cent on their capital, despite the highest food prices in history.

Two men were killed and two others seriously injured when two trains of the Maryland-Pennsylvania Railroad met in a head-on collision half a mile from Woodbrook Station, Md.

President Wilson issued an ultimatum to anthracite miners and operators, who have been trying for weeks to settle a wage dispute. He said he would appoint a commission if necessary.

All the legal machinery in Brooklyn has been started for the roundup of "joined" men, those who have been "joined" by the Associated Press today.

A score of grocers in Boston were arrested by department of justice agents on charges of profiteering. Under the Lever act they are liable to a fine of \$5,000 and two years imprisonment.

Investigation into dissenting incidents affecting the discipline of certain British regiments revealed that agents of the Russian soviet government plan to make the army a "hotbed of dissent."

W. Murray Crane, former governor of Massachusetts, as well as senator from the state and for 15 years republican congressman, was named to the national committee, named to represent Crane by attending a rider to the breaking of the conference deadlock on another item of the bill.

The ten grades are now in effect under war time legislation enacted to prevent recognition here of twenty-one grades established by the agricultural department.

13-YEAR-OLD BOY HANGED HIMSELF IN NAUGATUCK
Nauaugatuck, Conn., May 24.—Leroy LaFamme, 13 years old, hanged himself in his home here late today. The body was found hanging on a rope which was fastened to the top of a door. The boy's parents expressed the belief that the hanging was accidental and said they knew no reason why he should want to take his life. He attended school this morning, but did not go to school this afternoon. Coronor Monson of Waterbury will investigate.

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Disclosure Made in Evidence at Senate's Investigation Into Pre-Campaign Expenses—Testimony Shows That the Outlay in the Ohio Primary Contest Between Harding and Wood Made Senator Newberry's Michigan Campaign "Look Like a Piker"—Expenditures of Harding and Wood Are to Be Aired Later.

Washington, May 24.—(By The A. P.) Evidence that \$404,984.78 has been spent in behalf of Governor Lowden, republican, Illinois, and a charge that the outlay in the Ohio primary contest between Senator Harding, republican, of that state, and Major General Leonard Wood made Senator Newberry's Michigan campaign "look like a piker," marked the opening today of the senate's investigation into pre-campaign campaign expenditures.

Frank H. Hitchcock, former postmaster-general, who appeared as the representative of General Wood, threw but little light on the general's campaign expenses and Senator Harding's manager was not heard today. He will be examined later as well as a number of Wood managers.

L. L. Emerson, secretary of state for Illinois, was the spokesman for Governor Lowden. He was armed with records and cancelled checks and gave figures, names, dates and localities. Of the \$404,984.78 was contributed by the governor himself. \$35,225.25 was contributed by the governor's friends.

Senator Johnson's friends in California paid their own expenses in the primary in that state. Mr. McSwain said, "I personally know of one man who put up \$50,000 for Wood. If King won't tell you I'll give you the name."

Dr. Randolph J. Hersey of Wheeling, West Virginia, dealt at some length with the Wood campaign and its expenses, declaring that it had been "like a piker" in the Ohio primary.

H. M. Rice, secretary to Senator Poinsett, testified that J. P. Bache, a banker of New York city, had furnished \$25,000 for the Poinsett campaign, while William H. Todd, a Brooklyn shipbuilder, had given \$20,000.

Mr. Hitchcock, who was the first witness of the day, told the committee that it had been understood when he joined the Wood organization that he was not to handle campaign contributions.

"Our finances were always kept on the big primary fights, like Illinois and Michigan," Mr. Hitchcock said. He testified that they were handled from Chicago and that the day after the election the fight in those states. The Wood campaign in Michigan, he said, was financed by the Michigan organization.

"I knew a chicken hawk from a hand saw," Mr. Moore retorted. "Call John"

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